

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 969

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Darrell Willis, Jr., 2016 Valedictorian of Austin-East Magnet High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Willis, Jr., is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class at Austin-East Magnet High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Darrell Willis, Jr., achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Willis earned an exemplary grade point average, while participating in extracurricular activities; he served as co-captain of the Ethics Bowl Team, was a member of the Robotics Team, and was an intern in the Knoxville Utilities Board TeenWork Program; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Yolanda Crowe and Darrell Willis, Sr., his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2016 Austin-East Magnet High School Valedictorian, Darrell Willis, Jr., on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.